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RE: FDA proposed rule on genetically engineered foods

Your proposal for voluntary labeling for genetically engineered (GE) foods is totally unacceptable. I, as a consumer have a right to know what I buy in the supermarket, and I want to have a choice in what I feed my family.

Without mandatory food labeling of all GE foods and food ingredients, the consumer is left without vital information and cannot make an informed choice.

The FDA needs to put a priority on consumer rights, instead of allowing the very industry it is supposed to regulate to determine its rules.



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